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When I worked at a grocery store I was stacking shelves with a lot of people helping me. I didn't get much work done because I was goofing around and not paying attention. Sometimes working together can be a good thing like working on a group project or something like it.

As long as you are working when you are with other people it won't be a problem. Working with someone you don't know can be helpful, so you don't feel so obligated to talk or mess around.

Some jobs don't require you to talk to other people. So you can get a lot more done and maybe get a promotion or a raise.

If you are working at a job where you don't have to be around other people, you may stop or take a break when you are not supposed to and may be fired or suspended. All I'm trying to say is some people work better with other people around them, and some people work better by themselves. I don't understand why some one would want to work alone anyhow. If I worked by myself I would get bored.

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Working with other people is a very difficult task to try and accomplish. People can be easy and hard to work with depending on their attitude and the task you are working on. Three examples that I am going to share with you are personal experiences that helped me over the years: baby-sitting infants with little help from my cousin, doing group projects in Science class, and redecorating an entire bedroom.

Once I baby-sat two younger cousins of mine, and with my older cousin. were infants at the time so it was hard to change them, stop crying, and to get them to sleep.

helped out until it came to those three tasks that had to be done, so who was left to do it? Your's truly! Working with , taught me never to put an important task on the little guy because you should help them not be a dictator over them. It also taught me to baby-sit with a cousin older than yourself that has very little responsibilities because you get the dirty work while they don't help and get paid the same amount.

In our science class, we do group labs to try out science experiments to understand what Mr. was talking about. I was always in the same group. It was fine until the two boys decided that they didn't need to do the labs and to just have the two

girls do it and the worksheet. _____ and I were mad that we had worked hard for our grade and the two boys, _____ and _____, were getting the same grade even though they didn't help out.

_____ and I made a plan. We were going to have them do the labs and we observed. We told them that and they agreed to try it. In the end, we all got good grades on the assignments from the labs. That experience taught me that when you know something isn't right to fix it.

Redecorating a bedroom is one of the most difficult tasks I've ever accomplished. It was the starting of the New Year in 2001 when my family decided to redecorate my bedroom. We had prepared to start painting and putting up shelves and water beds. Everyone was involved in something. Mom and grandma were painting and putting up borders while grandpa and dad put up the shelves and the waterbed. It was a lot to do in just one day and it was hard to know what was going on. I learned that you need to stay on task and don't pout when you ask to go play and Dad says that you have to help. In the end, I got a new room with cool stuff!

Working in groups can be fun but can also be tough. Redecorating a room with your family, doing group projects in science class, and baby-sitting infants with somebody there but doesn't help are all examples of how working in groups can be hard but rewarding. Whether it's if you've learned something or you got a new and improved bedroom, like me!

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Working with other people in groups, can formulate memories that last forever. Over the summer, I was given the opportunity to learn leadership skills, with highschoolers from all around Idaho. Although the activities and classes we participated in were intriguing, there was one community service project that had a major impact on me.

In _____, the city where the leadership conference took place, there was a newly built park, that was not visually appealing at the entrance. Our job was to plant it, and make it look professional, so people could fully enjoy the park's splendor. When I signed up to take part in the planting of that entrance, I had no ^{clue} as to how much it would affect my life. The day that we were to go to the park and plant, I was surprised at how many kids showed up from the conference. Most of the kids would have rather painted park benches, or help the elderly in the community, than get dirty planting shrubs and flowers. The forty teenagers that arrived at the park to help out was surprising, but how well we all worked together was even more astonishing.

With too many kids, a group project can be either unbearable, or incredibly effective. The latter took the ^{reins} during our project. Our efforts were not unbearable, but in fact allowed us to reap several benefits, and learn about ourselves in the process. We completed the large task sooner because of our large numbers, and thankfully, there were plenty of jobs for everyone. Someone would dig a hole with a shovel, and two or three people would plant the shrub, or flower. Following that, two people would lift a heavy water bucket, and give the plant a nice, long drink. All the while, people would be digging, planting, watering, and spreading sod over the beds, to finish the job quickly, and make the entrance look welcoming.

With the sound of children frolicking on the park's playsets in the background, our group of teenagers finished up the beds. The connections, and links I had made with my fellow volunteering peers, would shape my life. I hadn't realized it when we started, but groups of ^{adults}, kids, or teenagers alike can often leave deep, and great impressions upon the

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ground on which they stand. Before this experience of working, and bonding together, I believed that sometimes only one person could have such a profound, and positive effect. It is with that realization, that it occurred to me that productive things, such as planting a couple of flower beds, or reading to children, or even playing bingo with the elderly, are all worthy ways to spend your time. However, when you can spend that time working within a group to achieve that common goal, your time spent, can be even more memorable.

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I worked at _____ in _____ for only 2 weeks because I could not get up in the mornings and go to work. So I quit. Plus I didn't like working there anyway. I mean who would I mean? The employees yelled at me all the time for know reason. I don't like to be yelled at all the time. I'm sure they wouldn't have liked it if I yelled at them all the time either.

My boss _____ was pretty cool. Except when you get on her bad side. Then she can be a real but head. The other thing that was cool is that she was my friend's mom. That's pretty cool.

I liked working at _____ but when push came to shove I quit.